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CROSSFIELD, ALBERTA — Friday, May 7th

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Village Council Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Village Council held last Monday evening, business was mostly of a routine nature. The council agreed to co-operate with the Curling Club in installing a larger pumping outfit at the skating rink. Orders were issued for work to start on the new cement sidewalks as soon as sand and gravel could be obtained. One application for Old Age pension was approved. An amendment to By-law No. 75 gives the council power to add to the business tax for school purposes, replacing the personal property tax which has been deleted.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Service, Sunday, May 9th
Holy Communion at 11 a.m.
Rev. J. R. B. Vance, Rector

Local News

Mrs. Edith Kurtz has accepted a job at the coffee shop in Olds.

Culver Calhoun is progressing very favorably and is expected to be released from hospital shortly.

Bob Stewart has bought Bud Fisher's truck, he having quit the trucking business.

George Fleming and family now occupy one of the cabins at the Auto Court.

J. Kotow, Jun. who is working with the well-drillers at Leduc spent a few days with his parents last week-end.

Hobart Abra suffered a disastrous loss last Thursday when fire of unknown origin completely destroyed his garage, containing his tractor and truck and all his tools. The fire alarm in the village was sounded and a goodly number of men rushed to the farm, but arrived too late to be of any assistance. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Monday, May 3rd was round-up day in the district, when most of the feed lots were cleaned of the last of the fat cattle. Shippers included: Wilson, Stafford, F. Laut, C. Richardson, A. Elward, G. Wickerson, J. Schofield, L. T. Halls and S. Nasadyk.

Continual rains and snow are raising havoc throughout the district, what with mudholes, culverts washed out and all side roads practically impassable. No safe road of work has been done so far towards putting in the crop and some farmers are beginning to worry. Feed is scarce but livestock can get a little grazing between the snows. The highway is banned for heavy traffic and for perhaps the first time no train ran for two days owing to a washout between Red Deer and Ponoka making it almost impossible for some of our residents who work in the city to get home for the week-end.

Miss Alice Hall, school teacher at Cassils, spent the week-end visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hall.

One of those easy to happen but hard to explain accidents occurred on Monday morning at the Baptist church corner when Wilson Stafford and Dick Ontkes cars collided. No one was hurt and each car suffered approximately \$100.00 worth of damages.

John VanMarston left a few days ago for the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, where he may have to undergo an operation.

Several of our local young blades attended the Holy Cross hospital nurses graduation dance.

MOTHER'S DAY

Another year has rolled around and with it has come Mother's Day which we will observe on Sunday. Of course along with everything else Mother's Day has come under the influence of commercialism but despite this it is a day on which we see fit to honor our mothers.

Father also has a day set aside for him but as far as the family life goes, the mother exerts the greatest influence. It was she who washed behind our ears and saw that we went off to school with that zesty fresh appearance that only youth can have. It was she who advised us on our first date and it was she to whom we brought our problems. Not only was it she, but it continues to be the mother in the family who keeps the new batch of youngsters in line. Of course father gets the call when the hair brush has to be used but mother can then console the child and tell him or her where he or she went wrong.

Sunday is Mother's Day and it is most fitting that at least one day a year is reserved for reverence of mothers everywhere.

Sports Day Meeting

The much talked of meeting of the above was held in the Curling Rink on Thursday evening of last week. Everett Bills occupied the chair and Tom Arpott read the minutes of the last meeting. These minutes showed that a motion has been duly made and seconded — "That on account of there being no business men of the village present, the meeting be adjourned for one week, and that an open letter be published in the local paper, with sap and spice enough in it to stir up some action in these business men."

This motion carried unanimously and the letter was published. That it had the desired effect, was evidence at this meeting when the attendance reached 100. A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting and proceed with the business of the evening. For 1946, Officers elected were: Honorary President, Everett Bills, President, C. D. Casey, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, T. Bland. The financial statement showed the club to be in good shape and a vote of thanks was tendered to last year's committees for their good work. Committees were appointed for all the various branches of a sports day to be held on June 16th, 1946, and considerable discussion took place as to the ways and means of carrying it out. It was decided to again plant flax on the land surrounding the track and to try and get the remainder of the flax broken out. Wilson Stafford donated a hog for a raffie and Mike Chorney volunteered (or was pushed into it) to arrange for the sale of tickets for this. It was also agreed to co-operate with the Curling Club in laying a floor in the rink, on which a dance could be held in the evening after the sports. Let us all get behind this committee and see that we make this Sports Day the BIGGEST and BEST ever held in Crossfield. Anyone the president, he will be glad to hear with any ideas get in touch with him from you.

Fish Derby Opens

The local Fish Derby opened on May 1st and several of the enthusiasts made a trip to the Dogpound on Sunday last, but the creek was too high and muddy to fish in. Again this season there will be prizes offered for the three largest Loach (Brown) trout taken from the Dogpound and weighed in officially at Steve's Store. The Derby is open to all members of the Crossfield Fish and Game Association, which is also offering a prize of \$5.00 to the lady angler bringing home the largest trout.

Inspection Made

The village had a visit a few days ago from two representatives of the Provincial Fire Commissioner, who were making an inspection in the interests of fire prevention. They were far from satisfied with what they saw especially in some of the yards at the rear of some of the front street premises. Too many open rubbish fires burning and too many small buildings which constitute fire traps. Apparently some of these things are contrary to their fire regulations and some of them do not conform to the village by-laws. A full report will be here in a few days and in the meantime, citizens should take warning and do what can be done to make things safer. Soon now lots of rubbish will be burnt and with so much rubbish lying around a serious conflagration could be started. No fires should be started without a competent man in charge and no fire should be left to smoulder which could cause a big fire.

For the information of our readers, here are the approximate dates at which seeding started in past years—1940, April 24th; 1941, April 23rd; 1942, May 6th; 1943, April 21st; 1944, April 19th; 1945, May 2nd; 1946, May 8th; and in 1947, April 17th.

Of special interest to farmers at this time is the new weed control bulletin with 2-4-D now available from the Alberta Department of Agriculture. This bulletin gives an up-to-date summary of the uses of the chemical. It explains the different forms of 2-4-D (esters, amines and sodium salts) where to use them and how to use them and the most satisfactory equipment for their application. It contains a list of common Alberta weeds grouped according to their response to the treatment by 2-4-D. Convenient tables show 2-4-D requirements to various weeds and crops and indicates the amounts to be used of the different kinds of 2-4-D weed killers on the market. Copies of the bulletin, "Weed Control with 2-4-D" are now available from District Agriculturalists or from the Agricultural Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those friends and neighbors who came to our aid during the recent fire with an especial thank you to Mrs. McCall for her promptness in sounding the alarm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Abra

IN MEMORIAM

PURVIS — In loving memory of my dear husband Francis A. Purvis who passed away on May 8th, 1945.

"The evening stars shine on the grave
Of one I loved but could not save"

The call was sudden, the shock severe
To lose the one I loved so dear.
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Where trouble are no more,
And that one I loved so well
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Exchange Of Ideas

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERCHANGE of ideas between countries has long been recognized as one means of breaking down racial and religious prejudices, and laying a foundation for enduring peace. Within the British Empire there has, in the past, been considerable encouragement given to the exchange of teachers between schools in different parts of the Empire, and also to the exchange of pupils, that they might learn at first hand the problems of countries other than their own. During the war, schemes of this kind were of necessity curtailed, but interest has again been shown, and there has been a revival of former practices in this branch of education. In Britain plans are at present under way to establish, as soon as possible, a body officially designated to concern itself with educational visits and exchanges.

Will Arrange For Exchanges

The proposed body will be called the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges and its chief function will be to keep in touch with the activities of the many agencies in Britain and other countries concerned with these matters and to assist them in any way possible to make necessary arrangements for schemes connected with such exchanges. In the past many organizations have been dealing with educational visits, including individual schools and colleges, the Ministry of Education and other educational bodies, but there has been no central organization for this work. The new bureau will arrange for exchanges not only within the Empire, but with any interested countries. At present, restrictions on the taking of British currency out of the country will somewhat curtail activities in regard to educational exchanges, but there is still much that can be accomplished by such a body, now, and in the future.

Bring Fresh Points Of View

The practice of Canadian teachers exchanging with teachers from various parts of the United Kingdom has long been familiar in our schools, and it has been, without doubt, most successful. Such teachers bring to their classrooms fresh viewpoints, and at the same time gain from the experience of travel and of teaching for a year under an educational system other than that to which they are accustomed. Students benefit similarly when they are privileged to visit other schools on exchange. It is to be hoped that, with the leadership and advice of the newly formed organization, exchange schemes in educational work will progress, and that Canada will be among the countries to benefit from this work. In dealing with the complex problems of our times, tolerance and an understanding of ways of life other than our own are of the greatest importance.

Australia Forbids Jay War Brides

CANBERRA, Australia.—No Australian, whether soldier or civilian, who marries a Japanese woman will be allowed to bring her to Australia, the government has ruled.

The federal minister for immigration, A. A. Calwell, said "if an Australian soldier wants to live with the Japanese wife, he could do so in Japan."

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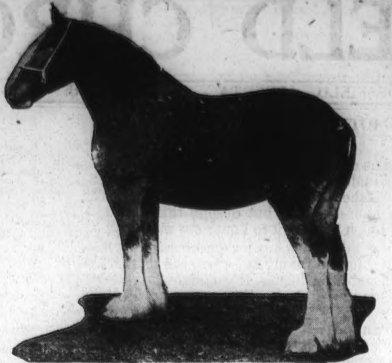
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GRAND CHAMPION CLYDESDALE.—Before the largest and most representative gathering of members ever held in Toronto the annual meeting of the Royal Winter Fair Association took place just before Easter, as usual. The directors' report recalled that the 19th fair held last fall had brought an entry total of 17,665, more than 1,000 higher than the best previous year, 1938, and 2,000 higher than 1946. Flora Hiawatha by Hiawatha Refiner, grand champion Clydesdale mare at the 1947 Royal Winter Fair, owned and exhibited by Robert Haening, Bowden, Alta.

Plan To Spend Huge Sum On Breeding Land

Prairie Provinces To Benefit In Improvement Scheme Conducted By Ducks Unlimited

WASHINGTON.—Trustees of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., has appropriated \$325,000 for improvement of wild duck breeding grounds in Western Canada this summer.

Morton W. Smith, president of the sportsman's organization, said it was the largest such appropriation in the club's 11-year history. The appropriation for field work last year was \$300,000.

Smith, a Minneapolis grain broker, said Ducks Unlimited complements in Canada the wild-life management and conservation efforts in the United States of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The organization has completed about a third of its improvement of Canadian nesting grounds, he said.

For Prairie Provinces the field work this summer will be in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, summer home for most of the wild ducks that migrate across the United States.

At an annual trustees dinner, interior secretary Julius Krug told the sportsman a mid-winter survey shows that the decline of recent years in waterfowl population has been halted.

"We are doing everything in our power to improve the annual inventories of waterfowl population of the wintering grounds, as well as the conditions of the summer breeding grounds," Krug said.

"Our technique is not perfect, but I think it is fair to say that we have more accurate information on which to base regulations today than we have ever had before."

"We had the information made available by Canada's own experts and those of Ducks Unlimited and other private organizations."

BIRTL, MAN, FAT STOCK SHOW REALIZES \$16,100

BIRTL, Man.—Birtle's 20th annual fat stock show and sale had an entry of 135 head. Judging was done by Gordon Kiloh, of Hamilton.

The grand champion was owned by Widdicombe Bros., of Foxwarren, Man., and the reserve champion by William Hacking, of Solgirth, Man. These two animals were sold for 35 cents and 25 cents, respectively.

The T. Eaton Company being the buyers in both cases. The sale price averaged 17 cents per pound, and the total amount of the sale was \$16,100.

NO PROBLEM AT ALL

SYDNEY, Australia.—A solicitor has accepted the trusteeship of 60 lizards belonging to a friend who died because of an interest in the study of reptiles. He has grappled with 20-foot pythons, so the lizards are no problem.

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THE TILLERS



FUNNY And OTHERWISE

"Students, this test will be conducted on the honor system. And now, will you please sit in alternate rows, three seats apart..."

"I'll examine you for three guineas," said the specialist. "All right," said the victim. "And if you find it I'll give you half."

Wife: "What did you ever do that benefitted any fellowman?" Hubby: "I married you, didn't I?"

"A moth leads an awful life." "How is that?" "Spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter in a bathing suit."

"I saw you out with your boy last night. I thought you'd given him up." "Yes; he's just working out his notice."

A firm contractor was engaging men for an excavation job. "One of you," said the foreman to one of the applicants, "do you really think you are fit for hard labor?"

"Well," replied the man, "some of the best judges in the country have thought so."

Granddaughter: "How can a girl keep her youth?" Grandma: "Never introduce him to another girl."

A youngster is disturbed at the news his mother's rheumatism is being helped by a new treatment. "How shall we know when it's going to rain," he asks.

"I suggest you quarrelled with your husband on the Thursday night," said the magistrate. "What! And next day pay day?"

He had choked her. She was dead; there was no doubt about it. He had listened to her dying gasp. Now she was cold-cold as the hands of death. Furiously, he kicked her. To his amazement she gasped, spluttered and then began to hum softly.

"Just a little patience is all it takes, Harry," remarked his wife from the back seat.

The son of the house came home from school the other day and announced he'd got top marks for dictation.

Dad's only comment was: "You got more like your Mother every day."

"Is there a simple remedy for sleeplessness?" "Yes, one need only count up to 100."

"Sounds very good, but our baby cannot count up to 100."

"Did you go to the Character Reader?" "Yes."

"Did he know anything?" "Well—he made me pay in advance."

Canada Enjoys Record Boom, Says Abbott

Gross National Production Increased From 11 Billion In 1945 To Over 13 Billion Last Year

NEW YORK.—Canada is enjoying a boom of unprecedented proportions even if the people do not seem to be aware of it, Finance Minister Abbott said here.

Public unawareness of the boom was due largely to "the abnormal way in which the usual barometer, the stock market, has been acting."

"Our gross national production has increased from \$11,600,000,000 in 1945 to over \$13,000,000,000 last year," he said in describing the proportions of the boom. "In 1938 it was \$5,100,000,000."

"Activity of this degree of intensity naturally exerts a severe strain on our economy and on our cost and price structure," he continued in an address prepared for delivery to the Academy of Political Science.

Discussing taxation and inflation, Mr. Abbott said that "I shall be reporting to Parliament in a budget speech a few weeks hence another surplus of such a magnitude as to bring a glow to the heart of any Canadian minister of finance."

He was not sure whether he would seek a similar surplus through this year's budget.

He questioned whether higher interest rates would lead to a less inflationary situation.

Farmers' Income In 1947 Reached A Record High

OTTAWA.—During 1947 Canadian farmers' cash income reached a record high of \$1,891,000,000. This is about 14 per cent, higher than in 1946, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported.

Prices for things the farmer has to buy, however, were also rising. The price index of commodities and services used by farmers (including farm living costs) advanced almost 10 per cent, during 1947. On January 1, 1948, the index was 168.5 on a basis of 1935-39 equals 100.

Farmers in Alberta received the largest increase—over 20 per cent—over 1946, but they were closely followed by farmers in Quebec and Ontario with increases of 17 and 16 per cent, respectively.

All other provinces showed gains ranging from about seven to ten per cent, except for Nova Scotia where farm income was slightly lower than in 1946.

Cash income from the sale of farm products in the western provinces were as follows: Alberta, \$285,000,000 in 1946 as against \$345,000,000 in 1947; Manitoba, \$171,000,000 in 1946 as compared with \$186,000,000 in 1947; Saskatchewan, \$389,000,000 in 1946 as compared with \$434,000,000 in 1947.

In British Columbia farm income jumped from \$86,000,000 in 1946 to \$93,000,000 in 1947.

In Ontario cash income from sale of farm products jumped from \$473,000,000 in 1946 to \$546,000,000 in 1947.

"Although the output of some farm products in 1947 was higher, production as a whole was below that of 1946," reports the bureau. "The gain in cash farm income can be attributed to higher prices, an increase in payment on wheat participation certificates and a small reduction in farm inventories."

Only 4,311 women worked in Nebraska industrial plants in the 1946-47 fiscal year, compared with the record of 28,751 in 1943-44.



TITLES FOR HER—Teamed again with Wallace Distelmeyer, with whom she finished third in the pairs event at the Olympics, pretty Suzanne Morrow figured in two championships at the Canadian tournament in Calgary, the senior pairs and the dancing. Miss Morrow was fifth behind Barbara Ann Scott in the senior ladies' singles.

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ABOLISH OLD LAWS

CLINTON, Mass.—No more tickets for illegal parking your horse in Clinton. The board of selectmen voted to abolish by-laws which authorized fines and other penalties for failure to maintain horse stalls adequately and for violating hitching post regulations in the town.

The first daily newspaper in England was published by a woman, Elizabeth Mallett, in 1702.

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First Atomic Hen Lays First Atomic Egg



Professor J. B. O'Neill, of the poultry department, University of Saskatchewan, demonstrates the Geiger counter, which measures the amount of radio-active phosphorus in eggs laid by the "atomic hen". Hens like those at right receive radio-active phosphorus in their mash. Laboratory workers are able to trace the movement of phosphorus in the body by means of the Geiger counter, and exact phosphorus requirements of the individual bird may be determined.

By T. R. MELVILLE-NESS
Central Press Canadian

REGINA, Sask. — Dr. James S. Thomson, president of the University of Saskatchewan, wasn't fooling when he recently told a large audience in Saskatchewan that the first atomic egg had been laid by the first atomic hen. It happened at the University of Saskatchewan where there is an experiment under way now at the University, in which laying hens are being given radio-active phosphorus in their feed. Scientists are cautious people, but even they admit that this use of radio-active tracers in feeding tests may prove to be one of the most important developments of the century in agricultural science.

Already Dr. J. W. T. Spinks has become internationally famous as the man who pioneered the initial experiments using radio-active tracers in wheat plants at Saskatchewan. There has been a great deal of talk about experiment among soils and plants experts, for it is believed to be the first application of atomic energy to the study of plant nutrition. But now Dr. Spinks and Professor J. B. O'Neill of the poultry department are conducting an even more interesting experiment in the use of atomic energy in poultry-research.

This is how the experiment is being conducted. Radio-active phosphorus is fed to hens in their laying mash. Then the hen and the egg is investigated by using an instrument called the Geiger counter. This Geiger counter is the mysterious contraption developed by atomic scientists to discover and measure amounts of radio-active substances near it. If the egg is up for examination it is placed on a small tray within range of a coil. If the hen that laid the egg has eaten a ration of atomic mash the day before a series of lights begin to blink rapidly on the panel of the machine. The lights convey a message to the experienced operator, as does a ticker arrangement which is quite audible several feet away from the machine. To an audience of laymen who saw a demonstration in Saskat-

oon recently, the lights and the ticker indicated only that there was radio-activity within the egg. But Professor O'Neill and Dr. Spinks who staged the demonstration were able to read the message of the lights and the ticker, and tell how much phosphorus was in the egg.

Initial Stage
The key to explaining this experiment is the fact that phosphorus made radio-active by atomic energy will accompany ordinary phosphorus through all its functions, whether in a wheat plant or in the body of a chicken.

Included in the knowledge gained by experts was the fact that phosphorus in the hen's feed shows up in the shell of the egg in 24 hours, but not in the white and yolk for a period of several days, six days in the case of the yolk. In the chicken itself phosphorus appeared in the leg bones 42 hours after feeding.

This is the first time in the history of dietetics that experts have been able to measure accurately the amount of phosphorus used by a chicken in its various body functions. By projecting the experiment a little further, they will discover whether or not the need for phosphorus varies

from bird to bird, from breed to breed, or possibly from season to season. But the important thing to consider in this experiment, is that this line of research definitely will not stop at phosphorus. Dr. Spinks says that practically all the elements in livestock feed rations can be made radio-active, and the same research can be applied to all of them.

The poultry experiments now being conducted are still in their initial stage, and it will be a long time before scientists can issue definite feeding instructions. But when experiments have progressed to that stage feeding recommendations can be based on absolute accuracy, rather than the results of trial and error tests. This is a way in which deficiencies in diet can be avoided as never before.

In time too, all kinds of livestock will probably be experimented with, and the same sort of results obtained. Which all adds up to the fact that atomic energy can be of tremendous help to agricultural science and may prove to be the most important development of the century in its application.

Health LEAGUE OF CANADA presents TOPICS OF VITAL INTEREST

DOCTOR WARNS AGAINST INDISCRIMINATE USE OF VITAMIN PILLS

No one should attempt to diagnose and treat his own troubles by taking vitamin pills — such pills should be used only when prescribed by a doctor. Such is the advice given by Dr. E. H. Bensley in an article — "The Truth About Vitamin Pills" — in the current January-February issue of Health, official magazine of the Health League of Canada. "Dr. Bensley is a Director of the Department of Metabolism and Toxicology at the Montreal General Hospital.

"In view of the widespread indiscriminate use of vitamin pills, it is fortunate that there has been no evidence to date that harmful effects are produced by vitamins in the doses ordinarily taken," Dr. Bensley writes. "It is true that vitamins can act as poisons if they are taken in amounts far in excess of those recommended for either the prevention or correction of deficiency diseases."

He adds that although harm may not be caused directly by the indiscriminate use of vitamin pills, this practice, like all forms of self medication, may be indirectly harmful in that it gives the individual a false sense of security and leads to delay in seeking medical advice.

Dr. Bensley says that there is no evidence that health is improved by giving extra vitamins to a person who is not suffering from a specific vitamin deficiency disease. Vitamin pills alone cannot correct dietary deficiencies. Pills may help but chief reliance must be placed on a balanced diet.

He adds, however, that condemnation of vitamin pills as being of little or no value would be absurd. Vitamin pills or similar forms of concentrated preparations of vitamins, he states, are of value under two sets of circumstances. They may be used — but only when prescribed by a physician — first to prevent the development of diseases due to deficiency of vitamins in the diet, and second, to treat diseases due to vitamin deficiencies.

Benjamin Franklin was the seventh in a family of 13 children. 2772

WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

H.M.S. Warrior, aircraft carrier returned to the Royal Navy after loan to Canada, is to be a training unit.

Two men who sold meat for more than the official price were each sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment by a Moscow court.

Harry Price, 67, of Fulborough, Sussex, England, well known in Britain for his activity in hunting ghosts, died recently after a heart attack.

United States authorities have handed Italy's treasury a \$4,500,000 cheque in payment for work by Italian prisoners-of-war in co-operation with U.S. armed forces.

German press reports said the Russians have ordered that trains hauling reparations to the Soviet Union henceforth travel only at night to reduce attacks on them by Germans.

A memorial garden to "the people of London who met their death in the course of the defence of their city during the Blitz of the war" is planned by the London County Council.

A second consignment of at least six Mosquito combat planes was unloaded at Shanghai from the steamer Lakeside, along with 6,000 tons of arms, ammunition and railway supplies.

Capt. J. Fred Pratt, 79, of Ottawa, who established the right-of-way for the old railways and canals department from The Pas, Man., to Fort Nelson and Churchill, Man., died recently following a lengthy illness.

Artificial blood plasma made from the action of bacteria on sugar being made in England. Known as dextran, it is undergoing exhaustive tests and the final results will not be known for some months.

THEY DON'T DO THAT NOW
ELIZABETHTOWN, Ill. — Discovery of a 48-year-old mail order catalogue in the attic of Mrs. J. F. Scott here revealed a striking comparison with present-day sale items. Included in the advertisements were mattresses on 60 days free trial.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By WILLIAM FERGUSON



FLUMBASO IS WHAT A DISEASE BRINT BUTTER A LEAD OIL.

LOBSTERS ARE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO SPIDERS THAN TO FISH.

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KILLED ON TRACKS — Raymond Garity, 23, whose home is in St. Catharines, was killed when struck by a train as he was walking along in Hamilton, Ont. Sectionmen stood at him as he was walking along the track, but he apparently did not hear their warning as the C.N.R. passenger train approached.

High Costs Of Feed Cut Poultry Flocks In U.S.

VANCOUVER.—Poultry producers across the United States are reducing their flocks by approximately 20 per cent, and major reason is the high cost of feed, according to a survey made by the agricultural department in Washington.

With feed well over \$100 per ton the average producer is thinking and acting in terms of reduction. Experts forecast higher prices for eggs and poultry in 1949.

The big ranches are trying to offset the high cost of feed by improvements in farm operations, and some farmers are actually thinking of increasing production.

This is true of the Washington Co-operative Chick Association with 5,000 members. They have three farms operating under a "master farming" plan, and they told a group of Canadian visitors that they meant to expand as rapidly as possible.

Valuable minerals are taken from the Dead Sea.

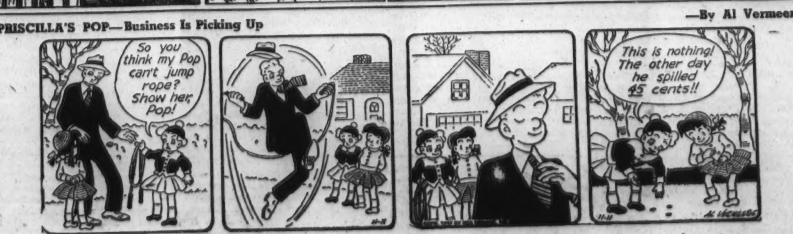
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By Margarita



LADY BULLFIGHTER FINDS LIFE PERILOUS BUT FUN

NEW YORK—Word spread around the international terminal at La Guardia Airport recently that a woman bullfighter had arrived from Lima on a Pan American Clipper. Everyone in the terminal made it his business to see what she looked like. Some had visions of the Spanish equivalent of a woman wrestler—bulging muscles, man-sized hands, short hair cut. Others had a mental picture of a blood-thirsty, dark, ominous-looking creature.

So the appearance of fragile, slender, attractive Concita Citron came as a surprise.

The 26-year-old beauty looks more like a convent-bred young lady—which she is—than this only bullfighter in the world who kills bulls both from horseback and on foot—which she also is.

Peru's contribution to the bullfighting world has blue eyes, shoulder-length dark blonde hair which she clasps in the back with a barrette, and she wears conservative but smart clothes. She is about five feet, seven inches tall and weighs 121 pounds. She doesn't use makeup—but she does not need it.

Concита says her father, Frank Citron, is an American citizen—having been born in Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of West Point and is now an exporter-importer in Lima. Her mother is an American, the daughter of the author, explorer and naturalist, Alphonse Hyatt Verrill.

In perfect English, Concita explained to reporters that she learned to ride when she was very young. Her instructor was Ray De Camara, former Portuguese consul in Lima and in his day, the world's greatest Portuguese-style bullfighter. Portuguese style means not killing the bull, she explained.

The record shows that she fought her first bull fight for money when she was 13 years old, living in Lima. That was Portuguese style. When she was just a few months older, she killed her first bull at Tarma, Peru. That is Spanish style.

Since then she estimates she has fought more than 400 fights and nearly one thousand bulls. "She says she has no idea how much she has earned but that she now gets between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a performance. This past season, she fought 55 fights—40 in Portugal, Spain

France and North Africa and 15 in South America. That, roughly, gives her an income of about \$750,000 annually.

Her answer to the question, "But isn't bullfighting dangerous for a woman?" was "It is dangerous for anyone."

Concита has a great love for horses, and as a "rejoneadora"—that is fighting bulls from horseback—she worries more about her horse being hurt than herself. She says, "I have never had a horse killed."

She has been wounded once and, as she puts it, "tended about a lot, but I've been lucky."

As for romance in her life, the bull fighting lady modestly refused to discuss that. She did say, "Like any other girl, I expect to marry some time. Not now."

An aside to her duenna (chaperon) brought out the fact that Concita has hopeful swains clamoring for her attention, wherever she appears. "Some even fly from one continent to another to be near her," admitted Senora Da Camera, who is obviously very proud of her pretty and accomplished charge.

She has never appeared in the United States although she has been invited to give exhibition bull fights—without killing the bull, that is—but, she says, "I've never gotten around to it."

WOMEN ARE AGAIN PIERCING THEIR EARS

LONDON.—Women are piercing their ears once more to wear heavy, dangling ear-rings, London jewellers report.

"It's not a painful business—a local anesthetic is used on the lobe," said one jeweller.

Some jewellers do it themselves—others send their customers to a doctor. Very few women have had it done in the last 20 years. Manufacturers said there was a greatly increased demand for small gold "sleeper" rings which are worn for several weeks after piercing to keep the hole in the lobe open.

The Great Barrier Reef, lying off the northeast coast of Australia, is the largest continuous marine park in the world. It extends 1,260 miles and is still growing.

STAMP CORNER

By JAMES MONTAGNES



Salvador has issued stamps to Central American statesmen, Manuel Arce (top left) and Dr. L. Menéndez (top right). Bulgaria has issued a set to reconstruct the city of Sofia. Pakistan has ever-posted Indian stamps (lower left). Italy has issued a set to St. Catherine on the 600th anniversary of her birth (lower right). Czechoslovakia has issued a set to the Social festival at Prague (bottom right).

The small Central American republic of Costa Rica has recently been in the news because of a revolution, an occurrence not too common in Costa Rica, often considered the most democratic of the Central American republics. Costa Rica has issued some fine pictorial stamps in recent years and publicizing its industries on its stamps.

Costa Rica began issuing stamps in 1902. Soon after the first issue, the republic featured its presidents on postal paper and many of the early stamps portray the republic's chief executives. The first pictorial issue was printed in 1901, showed a number of scenes in the country and some of its impressive buildings. This set and a number of others were printed in too large quantities for use by people in the republic, and remainders in hand were cancelled by the authorities were cancelled with parallel bars and sold below face value in 1914, according to the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

In 1921 two commemorative stamps appeared, one for the centenary of the first coffee plantation, the other to mark the centenary of Central American independence. In 1923 there was a long set to Columbus and industries of the republic. 1924 saw another commemorative set to mark the centenary of the annexation of Guanacaste province. More pictorial issues were issued in the next few years. In 1926 there was a set to cañon hunters on Cocos Island, off Costa Rica. Latest issue to the republic's industries was issued in 1937.

In 1940 there was a set to Pan-American Health Day; in 1941 a set to Central American football championship, with actual football game in progress shown on airmail value, a burden of stamps showing flags of the countries taking part; in 1941 there was also a set to a new

Who's Who on Postage Stamps. — Salvador has issued a set to Manuel Jose Arce on the centenary of his death last year. Arce was born in 1785, died in 1847, and was one of the outstanding fighters for the independence of Central America from Spanish rule. He was first president of the Central American Federation from 1825-29.

New issues. — United States issues a stamp to four chaplains who gave their lives on a sinking transport during the war, on May 28, with Washington first place of issue; Wisconsin Centennial stamp at Madison on May 29, Francis Scott Key stamp at Frederick, Md. Aug. 9; Bill Rogers stamp at Claremore, Okla., on Nov. 4; and Joel Chandler Harris stamp at Eatonville, Fla. on Dec. 9. — Monaco has issued a stamp with surfeit for "Day of the Postage Stamp." — Colombia is issuing a set to the Ninth Pan-American Conference. — South Africa is to issue on April 26, three postage stamps to mark silver wedding anniversary of King George and Queen Elizabeth. — Guatemala is to issue an airmail set to international football matches.

Ed. Note.—If you have any old Canadian Newfoundland or British North American stamps for sale or exchange write to our Advertising director, Mr. Frank Babin, 120 St. W. Toronto 1, Ont., who is an amateur collector.

Springtime Is Suit Time in Fashions



Now that Spring has officially arrived it is a relief to know that soon you can doff your topcoat—come in doing it already—and go about in your suit. At right is shown a suit that has the "new look" and comes in a color always associated with Spring. It's the wise woman who makes the most of accessories and a hat is the thing to add that final touch to your costume. Shown at left is a burnt straw hat with willow through Spring and into the summer. It is a cap-like chaparral, outlined in deeper colored satin ribbon and with striped ostrich feathers in the same burnt straw hue. A deep cocoa color bow and veil add extra trim.

YOU'RE TELLING ME By WILLIAM BITT Central Press Canadian Writer

The new look for men is here! It's the pink shirt. No wonder pop's face is red—he's just made a tour of haberdashery shops and the glow from the new garments hasn't worn off yet.

The pink shirt is a test of a man's nerves. It takes grit to keep a stiff upper lip when you know he looks like a bed of ponies with a head.

We'd better get used to the pink shirt, though, stylish men warn us.

Yellow shirts are also threatened. It looks like we are in for a rainbow bling. Chartreuse, verbeena, salmon and emerald are other colors, we hear, on the agenda. A board of directors meeting will look like a revival of "The Garden of Allah" in technicolor.

It was "way back during World War I that men first tried bright-hued garments. Silk shirts in a riot of shades and grass green caps were the rage. They still haunt us.

In those days a skinny chap in a pink-and-white striped shirt was often mistaken for a king-sized bit of stick candy with arms.

The whole thing looks like a feminist plot. A fellow in a rose-hued shirt with pocket kerchief to match just simply hasn't the gall to speak out the truth about what he thinks of the new millinery.

Memory's Way

Maybe a lot of people don't think because they are afraid of using up their capacity for thought. We hope that's the reason, because maybe we can relieve that fear and send them back to exercising their memory. Most people think that the mind is like a "Wristful Vista" closet, it will hold just so much. Medical men and scientists however refuse to support that view. There is no limit to what you can remember or how long you can remember it, except the limitation you set on yourself. You set it yourself because the mind works by a process of association. If you don't have anything to associate an idea with why the chances are that you can't remember the idea. That isn't the fault of your mind. It's your fault for not providing the peg.

How do you do that? Simple enough says the authority. Let your mind wander for a minute or two, then try to reconstruct your train of thought in reverse, working back to the idea that started the whole thing. Or, if that's too inconsequential, try recalling in detail the events of the past hour. You see the whole point is to be definite in your thinking. They used to say your wits were wool gathering. That simply means the same thing. Wool-gathering with people nothing definite for memory to cling to. It needs a clear perception to give associations a chance.

—J. L. R.

Plane Will Search Whooping Crane Breeding Grounds

NEW YORK—Any day now the last little flock of North America's tallest birds will lift their gangling bodies from the coastal flats of Texas and soar north, destination unknown.

To search out the secret breeding grounds of these whooping cranes and to discover information that may save the race from extinction, a United States government plane will follow.

Not right in their wake—that would scare them half to death even if practical. But if all goes well, Robert F. Allen of the National Audubon Society and Robert H. Smith of the United States fish and wildlife service will happen this summer on the great egret or brown chicks of one of the most picturesque birds that ever survived from a fossil age.

This season the flying naturalists expect to forge right on to the Anderson river country near the Mackenzie River. Then, if they find the breeding grounds, they may be able to tell whether the fault lies with the crane's natural enemies, or with disease, or with the slow lethargy that falls upon a race of birds or animals when its number has been reduced below the danger point.

New Variety Of Potato Developed

Science Service reports from Washington that a new potato variety known as "Kennebec" has been developed as a result of 15 years' breeding work by scientists of the U.S. department of agriculture and Maine agricultural experimental station.

They say Kennebec has proven highly resistant to the late blight, the ruinous fungus disease that caused the historic Irish famine 100 years ago. It is also said to be resistant to several other diseases caused by viruses.

Disease resistance in the new variety is due partly to its German ancestry. Dr. F. J. Stevenson, plant industry station, Beltsville, Md., 15 years ago received from Germany a tuberous potato which produced seedlings that were markedly blight-resistant. They were not good commercial quality, so a breeding program to improve them by hybridization was started.

Planting stocks of Kennebec are now being built up by certified growers, mainly in Maine and New York state. There will not be enough tubers for general planting for two or three years.

PREDICT HEAVY FREIGHT. EDMONTON.—A heavy shipping season, through the northern inland waterways is forecast here. Northern Transportation Company, largest company operating in the north, has contracted to carry 15-20,000 tons of freight this summer, F. W. Broderick, managing-director, said.

NAVIGATOR'S BIRTH PLACE. The town of Horn, in the province of North Holland, the Netherlands, is the birthplace of the navigator, Willem Schouten, who named Cape Horn after his native town.

Christopher Columbus' entire expedition probably cost \$7,000.

Forced Landings Do Not Worry R.C.A.F. Vet

KENTVILLE—George D. Johnson, an R.C.A.F. veteran, considers himself lucky to be walking around two days after subjecting himself to four forced landings in less than a week. Flying his ski-equipped Piper Cub aircraft here from Caledonia, in Cape Breton, Johnson was forced down on Paradise Lake by a bad sheet of ice. He had to spend the night on the lake and took off again for Kentville.

A few days later he was down again, this time with engine trouble. "I was on a trip from Farnborough, N.S., to Kentville, easing along at about 6,000 feet when suddenly my engine coughed out," he said. "I managed to glide six miles to a landing on the frozen dike land."

The plane came to a gentle rest a few yards from the Cornwallis River bridge, about a five-minute walk from the centre of this town.

When repairs were made he climbed into the plane and took off again. He had a short taxi run and the engine faltered as soon as he cleared the ground. The plane shot into a woodchuck's plant and a foundry. But his luck was still with him. He finally got straightened away and landed uneventfully at the airport here and manages at Waterville, N.S.

ON THE SIDE —By E. V. Durling

CONTENTED COW

A seven-year-old cow named Bridget Burch, of Ringwood, Eng., produced more than 4,000 gallons of milk in 329 days. This is a world record. She is now being used as a milk producer in a dairy where she drinks a half gallon of beer a day. That reminds me a New Jersey farmer attributed the unusual producing ability of his cows to the fact he played phonograph records in the barn. "So if you have a cow that isn't producing put a phonograph in the barn. Here's an additional helpful hint. The New Jersey farmer said his cows preferred Ring Crosby records.

PASSING BY

Joe O'Brien, harness horse driver from Nova Scotia. Drove more winners than any other driver on the grand circuit in 1947. Joe weighs only 130 pounds. It is said the weight of the driver makes no difference in a harness horse race. But it seems to me that in a close finish a horse pulling a 150-pound man would have a better chance than a harness horse with a 180-pound man in the sulky. Anyway, if and when I get a harness horse I am going to have a lightweight driver for him.

DIETS AND WOMEN

"Women born under Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20) have no control over their appetites. They eat too much," writes a horologist. "That's why you seldom see a Taurus woman weighing less than 145 pounds. Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) is a dieting fanatic. She is the voice with the throaty, husky tone that proves irresistible in inspiring a man to turn to thoughts of love. Such are some of the facts detailed in our Horoscopes and Women File, No. 9876D. Therefore, I was much interested in an article in your magazine, "Husky voices." However, we trust they will use name with discretion, kindness and consideration. I must, I hope they won't use these voices to kick around the hearts of any of our subscribers.

HUSKY VOICES

The majority of the great champions of history were women with throaty or husky voices. This is also true of many actresses whose male-attracting powers have been unusual. The voice with a smile may win the game, but the voice with the throaty, husky tone that proves irresistible in inspiring a man to turn to thoughts of love. Such are some of the facts detailed in our Horoscopes and Women File, No. 9876D. Therefore, I was much interested in an article in your magazine, "Husky voices." However, we trust they will use name with discretion, kindness and consideration. I must, I hope they won't use these voices to kick around the hearts of any of our subscribers.

HEALTH BELTS

The number of men wearing corsets is increasing rapidly. Unable to get rid of that sag, know that a corset by day or exercise, many types are now being indulged in by men. The voice with the throaty, husky tone that proves irresistible in inspiring a man to turn to thoughts of love. Such are some of the facts detailed in our Horoscopes and Women File, No. 9876D. Therefore, I was much interested in an article in your magazine, "Husky voices." However, we trust they will use name with discretion, kindness and consideration. I must, I hope they won't use these voices to kick around the hearts of any of our subscribers.

Inspecting Outside After Sixty Years

CORDOVA, Alaska.—An Alaskan oil-digger has gone to Seattle to see what the "outside" looks like after 40 years.

He's Tom White, who in his almost 83 years—60 of them in Alaska—has:

- Survived a mountain climbing expedition in which six were lost, made the only rowboat trip up the turbulent Copper River for 100 miles, discovered an oil field and helped discover a mountain.

Once a saloon keeper got his hand shot to shreds in an argument and Tom amputated the hand, administering whisky internally as an anesthetic and externally as an antiseptic. More whisky was used to sterilize a meat saw and a razor for the amputation job.

White discovered the Katalla oil fields in 1906 while hunting. Following tracks of a bear he had shot, he found himself musing through a thick heavy ooze that smelled like kerosene. The oil field has been under extensive survey by the United States Interior Department the last four years.

Tom was with the National Geographic Society expedition which discovered and named Mount Logan, second highest peak in North America. He accompanied a dozen expeditions across 1,400-square-mile Malaspina Glacier. He came to Alaska in 1866 in search of gold.

He traveled modern and arrived in Seattle by plane.

The Provincetown Playhouse, New York, was one of the earliest art theatres in the country. It was founded in 1914.

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Scientist Says

No Danger Of Exploding Earth With Atomic Reaction

ROME.—Prof. Giovanni Giorgi, Italy's foremost authority on atomic energy, has concluded that there is no danger of an atomic chain reaction which might cause the explosion of the earth.

He believes, however, that a real danger of poisoning the sea and killing all marine life exists.

Author of many books on physics, mechanics and mathematics, and originator of the Giorgi electrical unit system, the scientist said the explosion of huge uranium bombs in the Indian would release deadly radiation.

Poisoning of the sea and the death of sea life, if carried out on a large scale, would have grave consequences on all life, he warned.

Giorgi, who is probably the world's greatest collector of sea shells as a hobby for relaxation from hard scientific studies, said:

"The oceans are the only source of life against which man, who destroys everything on earth, has not yet made any attempt. But this source, too, immense and fruitful, will be threatened on the first occasion by a potent poison."

He added that scientists have not devised any means yet of preventing this possible poisoning of marine life by uranium radiation. He paused a moment, nodded his head and said:

"I see only one remedy—all other animals should come to an agreement to hinder the human special from destroying life."

Giorgi recalled that when the first experiments in nuclear physics were made in Berlin for war purposes the "most fantastic" precautions were taken to prevent the atomic flame in a laboratory from setting afire all the adjacent atomic piles of the world like a great atomic bomb.

Scientists Disagree

The French physicist and Nobel Prize winner, Frederick Joliot, wrote several articles to allay the alarm resulting from false reports and denied the possibility of a planetary explosion.

Joliot maintained that the explosive phenomena of the elements which constitute the atomic bomb cannot propagate itself to other elements of the planet.

Giorgi said another illustrious scientist, Maurice Karachi, denied Joliot's theory and brought still more confusion into the matter. Karachi claimed that science cannot exclude with certainty the possibility of the explosion of the earth, because it had only limited knowledge of the elements within the terrestrial plane.

"As you see, these two scientists disagreed only on absolute certainty," Giorgi said.

Giorgi, who maintains close contact with American atom bomb scientists and with Albert Einstein, continued:

"The danger that man may cause a planetary catastrophe must be considered insufficient. It could happen only when a large part of the terrestrial nucleus consists of uranium. Such an existence could be imagined only at very great depth. But how could we set it when we cannot go into the bowels of the earth deeper than three kilometers?"

Not Enough Uranium

Giorgi said modern science teaches that the earth consists of a mass of non-metallic sediment for hundreds of kilometers. Under the latter radiation there is a central nucleus whose density is five times that of water.

"From this degree of density," he said, "it must be deduced that the great block of uranium does not exist. We know that inside the earth plane is a stratum of silicon and magnesium. There follows in depth a large nucleus of ferric nickel, which is held to be in a solid state with a temperature of about 300 degrees centigrade."

"Let us suppose, however, as a hypothesis that the block of uranium exists. Could the explosion occur. Yes, but under the absolute condition that it is a compact and pure block. The ordinary uranium does not explode. Hence it would be necessary for laboratories and colossal plants with a population of workers, to descend into the depths of the earth and proceed to purify the uranium."

"But let us be precise," the scientist concluded. "Nobody can give the absolute mathematical certainty that the event will not happen. Whoever has read articles on high mathematics knows that the calculation of the probabilities does not give the finding as absolutely sure that even the sun will rise tomorrow, although there exists a probability, extremely near to certainty, that it will."

Estimates Snail Speed At Mile A Decade

PHILADELPHIA.—Snail hunting is nothing new to 89-year-old Dr. Henry A. Pillsbury, curator of mollusks at the Academy of Natural Sciences here. His trips to large places usually net him from 10,000 to 20,000 specimens.

He has been hunting snails and other lowly members of the animal kingdom for 60 years and now is in Lima, Peru, on another quest.

Dr. Pillsbury, who estimates a snail's pace is about one mile a decade, says Hawaii is the best place to study their activities. But he has visited many countries on his snail trips and this is his second trip to Peru.

Man Bites Dog? Phooey!

BULAWAYO, Southern Rhodesia.—Man bites dog would not make news here. A native woman, crossing a shallow stream was attacked and bitten on the leg by a crocodile. When she couldn't release its hold with her hands she stooped and bit a piece from the croc's snout. The woman is recovering in a native clinic, but the croc?...

The Lion's Loose, Crowd Cries.—Fourteen-year-old schoolboy from Bancroft, Ont., Keith Robinson, a good look at the test he barely escaped. With him is Miss Gullen, who the "Indian" houses who once claimed its trainer severely. Keith said he was walking in the corridor of the College when "the first thing I knew I was on the floor and something was pulling my clothes."

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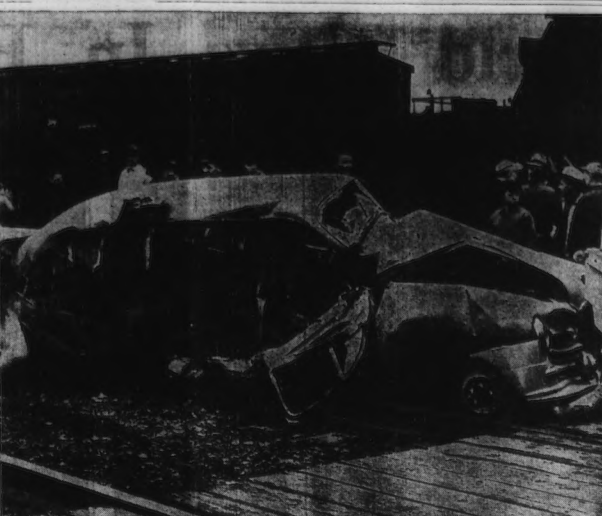
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With this major obstacle overcome, and with certain changes to be made in the act to make it more workable, objectionable features are expected to be eliminated rapidly.

Stan Taylor, superintendent of insurance in B.C., said he believes that already 50 per cent. of U.S. motorists arriving in B.C. are carrying "pink slips".

More than 200,000 non-resident cards have been sent to insurance firms in the northwest states, and Mr. Taylor said the companies are co-operating by issuing the cards to their policy-holders as speedily as possible.

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STEPPING OUT IN SPRING FINERY—Braving the cool weather during the Easter week these lassies stepped out in spring finery and wore beautiful corsages for the occasion.



FOUND DEAD—Geraldine Revill, four, of Cornwall, Ont., was found dead with her head caught in the partly-opened window of her father's automobile, her body hanging on the outside. It is believed she climbed to the running board, put her head in the window, lost her balance, and strangled when unable to free herself.



PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE ACQUIRES "NEW" LOOK—Princess Margaret Rose, gradually assuming her share of responsibilities, is seen inspecting an honor guard of the Highland Light Infantry during Glasgow ceremonies. Note the "new" look on Princess Margaret Rose which she achieved by getting hemline taken down.



EYES PEPPERED—Blinded by pepper thrown in his eyes by two men who offered to sell him a car for \$2,000, Charles Kemelchadis, Toronto, was robbed of \$1,100 and thrown from the car, according to police. He had drawn the money from the bank before going for a trial spin, he said, dividing the money between two pockets. The thieves emptied one of them.



SAVED PENNIES TO COME TO CANADA—An important immigrant is John O'Connor, 11, seen with his mother during a Toronto reunion. John's dad came over from Birmingham, England, last August, and his mother followed six months ago, but John couldn't wait until they got settled. He saved his pennies, bought his own ticket and flew over. He ran messages and did odd jobs to get the price of the ticket.



WILL RECALL MEMORIES—Many a Canadian airman will recall this scene with nostalgia. It is the beach at Bournemouth, England, but now it is packed with holiday crowds over the mild spring season.



"TINIEST MAN" REACHES NEW YORK—The tiniest man in the world, Francesco Rizzi, who is just a shade over three feet tall, and who weighs not more than an oversized kewpie doll, arrived aboard the Polish liner Sobieski at New York recently. Francesco, whose nickname is "Cuculo", was discovered hiding behind a suitcase on a Hudson river pier. Wearing a doll size fedora, a tiny topcoat and a double-breasted gray business suit, Francesco appeared ready to answer any questions, although he could speak nothing but his native Italian. Asked whom he wanted most to see during his stay in the U.S., Francesco answered without hesitation, "Lana Turner". He added he had seen Miss Turner in Rome. He is pictured above being held aloft by his manager.



YOUNG TRAVELLER—Four-year-old Eluned Jones, with her doll, was among the passengers aboard the Queen Mary when the ship docked in New York recently. The little miss was on her way to Calgary, Alta., after a visit to relatives in Wales.



LEVEL-CROSSING TRAGEDY—A level-crossing accident at Weston, Ont., which brought instant death to Kenneth Fairbairn, smashed the milk wagon to splinters. Two boys look at the flattened milk case after the tragedy. The horse which drew the milk wagon into the path of a C.P.R. flyer at the railway crossing was also instantly killed. The milk driver was thrown 350 feet by the impact.



NOT FOR BAD WEATHER—The weatherman really put a damper on fashion parades in a lot of Canadian towns and cities. Here's Dorothy Abraham, who, like many another gal, feels lucky to have violets for her hat at this early date.



BEST OF BREED—This Yorkshire terrier, held by Joan Bedford of Union, N.J., weighs only three pounds, but Joan's mother, Mrs. R. A. Bedford, wouldn't sell him for \$3,000. He was judged best of breed in a show at Toronto.



RAMPAGING GRAND RIVER CAUSES DAMAGE—The Grand Valley centre of Bridgeport, Ont., was hit hard by the rampaging Grand river. Houses which were marooned by the rising water are shown. Racing waters swept huge ice cakes far from the river and in some places blocked the highways. Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was done at Wingham, Ont., where the Mattland river wrecked a railway bridge and a grist mill.



DOG ABUSES OWNERS DURING FIRE—A \$25,000 fire went undiscovered until Mr. and Mrs. William MacDonald, of Aurora, Ont., were awakened by the barking of their two-year-old watch dog, Rover. It was fortunate that they awakened when they did for the top part of their 116-year-old home had burned completely away. Rover is shown here with Mrs. MacDonald.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

: LADY AT WORK :

By FAITH KURT TIBBERIO

CAROLA ADAMS sat between Redman Bixby and Lanny Devera, and tried to hide her nervousness. On her left, Redman, handsome, wealthy, slated to be the next Congressman from Oklahoma, watched the bidding. His huge frame overshadowed Carola's own small one, and made Lanny seem taller and thinner by comparison. Lanny was less handsome than Redman, less forward, and much less wealthy.

"How much am I bid for this, folks," the auctioneer shouted, holding up a mahogany music box. It's the finest one I've seen in quite some time."

The box glistened in the sun, and Carola held her breath. "It's beautiful, isn't it?" she asked. Lanny, his tanned face a perfect blank, nodded. "It's just a music box," Redman said gruffly. "Nothing to get excited about." He squeezed Carola's hand. "You wouldn't want it."

She swallowed, and said bravely, "But I would."

A sudden change came over Lanny. "I'll bid ten dollars," he said.

Redman frowned. Carola gasped. "Lanny, you mustn't. You've got to get your law library." She knew how Lanny skipped lunches and walked blocks to save money, and now she was sorry that Lanny came along, even though the three of them had gone around together since childhood. Since she had promised to marry Redman, everything seemed to be wrong.

"Fifteen," someone else said. In a matter of seconds, the bidding reached fifty dollars. Lanny sat down.

"Sorry, Carola," he said. "I've only got forty dollars to my name."

Carola sighed with relief. "Oh, Lanny, you shouldn't have tried. But thanks anyway." She smoothed the pink linen skirt which accentuated the faintness of her figure. Redman leaned over. "Let me show you how it's done, Lanny. Struggling lawyers shouldn't go around trying to buy music boxes they can't afford." His voice was purposely loud enough for everyone to hear. Carola winced, and did not dare look at Lanny. "Sixty," Redman yelled.

People turned around to stare. They saw Redman, tall, dressed in the best tweeds, Carola, small and frightened, and Lanny, white-faced and angry. Carola heard people whispering. "That's Redman Bixby and the dark-haired girl next to him is his fiancée. He'll get the box, all right. Always gets what he wants." She wanted to scream. Instead she listened to Redman bid. It was up in the hundreds. "For heaven's sake, Redman," she said, fidgeting at his sleeve. "Don't bid any more. The box isn't worth it."

Redman shook her off impatiently. "Shut up," he said under his breath. "Can't you see I've got to bid, to keep up appearances. Why doesn't that chump stop bidding? Three hundred and ninety-five," he called.

A hush fell over the crowd. The other bidder shook his head when mopped his brow with a handkerchief. "Sold," the auctioneer cried. "Sold to Redman Bixby. Right here, sir," he pointed to the bookkeeper's desk.

The wind rustled the leaves slightly as Redman walked through the camp chairs to pay for the box. His face was flushed red with triumph, and a smile was half-fixed on his mouth. Carola saw with a start that Lanny had gone. Without a word to anyone, she left the auction and hurried down the mill path, hoping against hope that Lanny would be at

the mill. They used to play there, when they were kids. As she rounded the bend, her heart nearly stopped when she did not see him. Then she saw that he was sitting on a big rock, his head in his hands, staring gloomily into the mill water.

"Lanny," she called. "Lanny, it's Carola."

He unfolded his length, slowly, as if he didn't believe that Carola was there. "Carola," he murmured, "why did you come?"

"I came," she said earnestly, as soon as she could get her breath, "because I love you, of course."

"But... but, I thought... that is, Redman," he stammered.

"Redman, nothing," Carola said firmly, moving closer to him. "I've loved you all along, I guess, but I had to make sure. That's why I asked you to come to the auction with me. I proved that Redman didn't really love me at all. I was just another possession."

"But he got the box for you, didn't he?" Lanny asked.

"Oh, yes," Carola said, "just to show you up in front of everyone. Well, he can have it, and good luck to him."

Lanny ran his hand through his hair. "Goah, he said, 'goah, I never thought you'd fall for me. All these years I've dreamed, but Redman had so much more to offer. I didn't say anything.'"

Carola smiled. "I knew you loved me, when you were willing to lose your books just to buy the box for me."

A troubled expression crept into Lanny's eyes. "That's something else again, Carola. We can't get married until I can afford the box, and from the looks of things, it's going to take me quite a while to save enough for them."

Carola took Lanny's arm and laughed softly. "That's the funny part of it, darling. We have enough now, thanks to Redman and his ego. That music box was mine, you know?"

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WHITEHORSE, Y.T.,
SEEK INCREASED
EXPLORATION WORK

WHITEHORSE, Y.T. — Increased exploration work in this potentially rich Yukon area is sought by the newly-formed Board of Trade.

The board feels its aims can be realized if two major handicaps—shortness of the season and transportation difficulty—can be overcome. It suggests the territorial government open up more roads and try to reduce transport costs, to give "utmost" concentration of effort in the four-month season in which exploration can be done.

A. R. Hardy is president and R. J. Rowan secretary of the new body.



SASKATCHEWAN IS WELL REPRESENTED in the latest class of flight cadets No. 1. The RCAF. Flying Depot, Toronto, where the boys are beginning their careers as aircrew officers in the RCAF. Flying beside a Burcham barrel, used for dropping emergency supplies, are (left to right) Flight Cadets D. M. Campbell of Saskatoon; and D. M. Nicholson, Dubuc, Standing (left to right) are Flight Cadets J. Freeman, North Battleford; R. Anderson, Lethbridge and Saskatoon; C. P. Cole, Wapella; and W. V. Campbell, Saskatoon. The two Campbells both graduated from the Earlford Road College, Saskatoon, are cousins. The six Saskatchewan boys are shortly to be posted to flying stations, to begin actual flying training as pilots or radio-navigators in the Regular Air Force.

SELECTED
RECIPES

RHUBARB PIE

1 pint rhubarb
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt

Wash rhubarb, cut into 1/2 inch pieces. Mix with other ingredients.

Line deep pie pan with pie crust. Fill with mixture, being careful not to heap up. Measure pan before mixing ingredients, so that no more may be prepared than will hold.

May be covered with an upper crust, or barred with narrow strips of crust, or baked in lower crust only, and meringue added. In this case, 1 or 2 beaten egg yolks are usually mixed with rhubarb.

OIL DEVELOPMENT PLANNED
FOR SOURIS RIVER BASIN

MELITA, Man.—Developments indicate that the Souris River basin, from Lyleton in the south-west to Hartney in the north-east is to have a thorough going over during the summer, in an effort to ascertain the extent of potential natural gas and oil resources in the district. O. S. Knicker, of New Orleans, an independent oil producer who has been obtaining mineral leases over the territory, extending from the western slopes of the Turtle mountains to Lyleton, was in Melita for the purposes of gathering leases on lands south and north of the river.

NIGHT SITTING

EDMONTON.—Local history was made recently when magistrate's court continued sitting after a hard day into its first night session. When the wheels of justice stopped grinding at 9 p.m., 62 cases had been disposed of by two magistrates.

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Lloydminster Oil Production Increase

REGINA.—Oil production in the Lloydminster oil field rose 138,877 barrels during the first two months of 1948, nearly four times the production during the same period in 1947, the Provincial Resources Department said. There were 77 wells operating in February, compared to 19 wells in February, 1947.

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Canada's Stock Of Farm Animals
Is Taking A Downward Trend

OTTAWA.—Canada's stock of farm animals is following a downward path. Figures released by the Bureau of Statistics show that the numbers of cattle, sheep and horses on Canadian farms have fallen off considerably during the last year and are substantially below their wartime peaks. The report supplemented a recent survey showing a decline in hog numbers.

At Dec. 1, the bureau reported, the number of cattle was estimated at 8,943,000, down 72,000 from the corresponding date in 1946 and off nearly 2,000,000 from the wartime high of 10,759,000. Reductions occurred in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia.

Of the cattle total, 3,666,000 were milk cows, which were down 50,000 from Dec. 1, 1946. The number of sheep was estimated at 1,586,700 against 1,782,200 a year ago and a wartime peak of 3,728,000. Horses dropped to 1,979,400 from 2,243,200 the preceding year and 2,845,000 in 1943.

Experimenting In
Products Made
From Straw

REGINA.—Utilization of Saskatchewan-produced straw in the manufacture of wallboard building material is being investigated by the provincial Government.

Experiments, still in their early stages, are being conducted in Regina and Saskatoon to determine whether pressed straw would prove satisfactory in wallboards. (The Saskatchewan experiments are being carried on in co-operation with the National Research Council's laboratory there.)

Experiments into the use of straw for fuel logs, coal tar and paper are also to be conducted at a later date. Saskatchewan produces an estimated 20 million tons of straw annually.

Agriculture Minister I. C. Noyes announces that the Government is studying results achieved in Sweden where straw is used extensively in the manufacture of wallboards. "It's possible," he said, "that similar results could be achieved here, although our straw is much drier and consequently would need more processing."

Mr. Noyes said, however, that he personally favored returning straw to the soil to strengthen its fibre. He points out also that many farmers feed out and harrow straw and use it for bedding down their animals.

BUSINESS FAILURES
DOUBLED IN 1947

OTTAWA.—Nearly twice as many Canadian businesses failed in 1947 as the year before, the Bureau of Statistics reported.

Last year 545 concerns, ranging from retailers to manufacturers, went out of business. In 1946 the number was only 278. It was the third successive year, however, in which the figure rose, after dropping in 1944 to the lowest level in the period covered by official reports.

The amount of liabilities defaulted in 1947 rose to \$10,077,557 from \$5,966,153 in 1946. Fifteen failures occurred in the Maritime provinces, 422 in Quebec, 72 in Ontario, 12 in the prairie provinces and 24 in British Columbia.

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Western Briefs

THE PAS, Man.—Game experts predicted that the hundreds of caribou "wintering in the south" likely would be off shortly on their annual spring trek to the far-north barrens-lands.

CALGARY.—Sales at the annual Calgary horse sale this year averaged \$8 lower than in 1947, officials announced at its close. The 776 horses sold brought a total of \$54,510, averaging \$70.25 each against last year's record \$78.40.

VANCOUVER.—It sounded like a dairy aboard the China-bound American Mail line's S.S. American Mail as she sailed from here for Hong Kong. In deck-constructed stalls, 107 head of Canadian cattle—102 dairy cows and five bulls—started the long voyage. Three cowhands from the Fraser valley rode herd.

WINNIPEG.—Steps will be taken this year to extend health services, Health Minister Schultz said in the legislature in presenting his department's estimates.

CALGARY.—Barbara Ann Scott was inducted into the Sarcee Indian tribe at a special ceremony and henceforth will be known to the Indians as "Sootz-Ahta" or "Shining Star."

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J. E. Brownlee To Head United Grain Growers Limited



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R. S. LAW

J. E. Brownlee, K.C., former premier of Alberta, has been elected President and General Manager of United Grain Growers Ltd., succeeding H. S. Law who has resigned for reasons of health. It has been announced from the Company's offices at Winnipeg.
R. C. Brown, managing director of the Country Guide and Public Press, succeeds Mr. Brownlee as First Vice-President and J. Harvey Lane of Fillmore, Sask., continues as Second Vice-President. George E. Edworthy is manager of the Company's Western Division at Calgary.
Mr. Brownlee has been associated with the U.G.G. as legal adviser since 1912. In 1942 he became a member of the Board of Directors, First Vice-President and General Counsel. In January, 1948, he assumed the duties of General Manager.

Coming from Plymouth, England, in 1911, Mr. Law farmed at Carleton Place and soon became active in the organized farm movement. He joined the U.G.G. in 1921, becoming Secretary of the Company the following year. In 1929 he was elected a director and First Vice-President, succeeding the Hon. T. A. Cregar as President and General Manager in 1930. During the past year Mr. Law has been on extended leave of absence taken at the instance of the Board of Directors of the Company who hoped he would be able to continue in office. Acting on medical advice, Mr. Law recently decided to retire from active business. He will leave shortly for a visit to England and intends to reside in Calgary on his return.

Frost Damage Likely Due To Late Seeding

Seeding this year in general over the prairies will be greatly delayed owing, in the main, to a backward spring, and in certain areas to flooded land. The delay in seeding, however, is not as serious these days as it would have been 10 years ago.
New earlier maturing varieties have picked up five days between seeding and harvesting. Most farmers, too, can put in their seed much faster than they used to do 10 years ago. Farmers used to consider seeding had to start about April 20th.

This means that if seeding starts this year around May 1st but now it is already the fifth, then in general the crops will be harvested around the same time that they would have been seeding to have started on April 20th, 10 years ago.

Delay that we are now experiencing in the start of seeding means that the crop will incur increased risks of being damaged by early fall frosts.

Here are dates that seeding has started on the prairies over the past few years.

1940 — April 24th
1941 — April 23.
1942 — May 6
1943 — April 21
1944 — April 19
1945 — May 2
1946 — May 8th.
1947 — April 17
Agriculture department officials said on Monday that the late of Alberta's 1948 crop depends solely on

the weather of the next two weeks. They said that seeding this year was the latest in 25 years.

Alberta farmers will have sufficient time for seeding if the fields dry out by May 15th. However, one official said that the outlook for this was slim.

In the Odessa district the fields are covered with water only in the odd place however the droughts are filled to capacity and any more water will send them spilling over the low lying land.

A few good days of hot sun and a strong wind could work a miracle and the possibility of such a thing happening now seems to be more than remote.

"SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL"
A record number of visitors from all parts of the world are expected to attend this year's Shakespeare Festival which opened in the Memorial theatre at Stratford-on-Avon April 16th. Advance bookings represent a sum well over \$80,000. Last year's festival raised a record attendance of nearly 240,000. This is its 88th season.

C.P.R. SPEEDS TRAFFIC



G.A. MacNamara, vice-president of traffic for the Canadian Pacific Railway, inspects a new ticket issuing and accounting machine, the first of its kind on the North American continent, which went into service at the C.P.R.'s Windsor Station in Montreal recently. The machine prints its own tickets when the ticket seller inserts a matrix, such as the MacNamara holds in his left hand, into the slot on the

lower right hand corner. In his right hand Mr. MacNamara holds a ticket that the machine has just issued. The bottom picture of one of the coach tickets the machine issues shows how much more compact it is than the type of coach ticket at the right. As well as speeding up ticket sales, the machine keeps full accounting records. Installation of the machine in other main Canadian Pacific centres



across Canada depends upon the success of the machine in its initial performance in Windsor Station, which was picked for the introduction because of the volume of business handled there. It is expected that the machine will be able to handle 90 per cent of the coach tickets issued there and tickets will be issued so quickly all C.P.R. points within 24 hours travelling time to Montreal.

Letters to the Editors

The Editors
Dear Sirs:
Quite a number of farmers think that a production tax would suit them better than the Income Tax. They point out that the one per cent deducted for the P. F. A. requires no bookkeeping for them nor is it missed. That a few cents paid on every hog or cattle sold and another cent or two on grain would not be missed either. When it is pointed out to them that the Income Tax is graduated they will say that the farmer who produces the most and sells the most will pay the most under the Production Tax. If there is anything more in favor of this tax then I would like to hear about it.

Under the Income Tax a large number of farmers do not have to pay anything. The Hon. J. G. Gardiner said that 75 per cent of the farmers in Saskatchewan who filed Income Tax Returns last year did not have to pay any tax at all. Under the production tax a farmer would have to pay on all he sold, if it was just on the cream and eggs in a year he might be broke, halved or dried out. There is an average of over 10 per cent of the farmers in Alberta who come under the P. F. A. every year.

I estimate that the average half section farmer would have personal exemptions with allowable expenses of about \$1,000. Under the Income Tax he would have to pay just \$16 on a gross income of \$4,100 and on \$5,000 he would have to pay \$206.25. On a production tax of as little as 5 per cent he would have to pay \$206 on \$4,100 but only \$250 on \$5,000. It would hardly be fair for one farmer to pay \$206 on a net income of \$100 while the other farmer pays an extra \$45 on an extra \$500 net income. A production tax would cripple the small farmer. Let us see what it does to the large farmer. Suppose he buys 100 head of cattle as feeders in the fall at 12 cents. He sells at 15 cents in the spring. The 3 cents spread about covers his expenses. At 1,000 lbs. apiece he sells for \$15,000 and a Production Tax of 5 per cent would be \$750 on a transaction on which he had made no net profit. One farmer selling feeder hogs to another farmer at a net profit of \$5.00 each pays no tax. The other farmer would have to pay the full production tax on the finished hog while only making half of the profit. This tax would kill the finishing business.

Another point against the production tax is that farming expenses varies on different farms. The overhead of one farmer may be just ideal for his size of farm. The overhead of another farmer may be a waste of all proportion. A half section farmer could have a larger net income than a section farmer with a large turnover but excessive overhead.

In summing up the production tax is paid on gross receipts and would not be feasible to graduate like the income tax paid on net income with many allowable deductions. That a production tax would be disastrous to all small farmers and many of the large ones. It would interfere with the feeding practices and have a far worse effect on production than the Income Tax.

Why should a farmer pay income tax anyway? Most of what he buys is the product of union labor. Union labor has the take home pay complex. When they want a 25 cent raise they get a 35 cent raise to take care of the income tax. Union labor income tax enters the price structure and consequently the farmer pays their tax for them.

Yours Truly
P. R. W.

BRITAIN PREPARES FOR NEW NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME

Good progress has been made in preparing the way for the big new National Insurance scheme which comes into operation in July. The Ministry of National Insurance has already opened 700 local offices from which sickness, maternity and other benefits will be paid. It is estimated that some three million men and women will enter insurance for the first time this July. Every adult will be entitled to receive the benefits provided under the scheme as well as those coming from abroad to take up employment in Britain.

FULL DRESS AGAIN FOR BRITAIN'S GUARDS

It has been announced that for the first time since the beginning of the war the Brigade of Guards will again wear full traditional dress for ceremonial occasions. The first big event at which the colorful and picturesque uniforms will once again be on view to the public will be at the coronation of the Queen on June 19 the King's birthday. When this ceremony was reviewed last year the Guards wore ordinary dress.

The next meeting of the Plover U. F. W. A. will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Fox on Wednesday, May 13 commencing at 2:00 p.m. sharp. Everyone interested will be made welcome.

Keep a date open for the dance to be held in the Elks Community Hall on Friday, May 21st with Tommy Smith's Calgary orchestra.

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